

Study Skills Exercise A

DIRECTIONS

Read each pair of sentences below. The first sentence in the pair has a word that is underlined. The underlined word is a root word. Change the root word in the first sentence by adding the suffix *-ness* to it. Write the new word in the blank in the second sentence. The first one is done for you.

1. Alligators like wet, tropical climates.

Alligators like the wetness of tropical swamps.

2. Many people think that alligators are vicious.

The _____ of the crocodile is well known.

3. The alligator was very quick.

The _____ of the alligator surprised the hunter.

4. Randy is afraid of the dark.

_____ frightens many young children.

5. It is important to keep physically fit.

Physical _____ is important for your health.

Fill in each blank with one of the two words listed below the sentence.

6. Indians used the bark of the ash tree to cure people who were _____.

sick sickness

7. Terrence was frightened by the _____ of the crocodiles.

mean meanness

8. The wood from the ash tree is very _____.

hard hardness

9. The _____ of the sun hurt my eyes.

bright brightness

10. The baby liked to play with _____ toys.

soft softness